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MEMORANDUM

To: Child Care Providers
(Including employees in licensed child care programs)

From: Christine Ross-Baze
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Subject: Reporting of suspected child abuse and neglect and sexual abuse

Kansas Statutes Annotated 2009 Supp 38-2223 requires you to report promptly to the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services if you have any reason to suspect that a child brought to you for care has been injured as a result of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect, or sexual abuse. This report may be oral unless the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services requests it in writing.

Willful and knowing failure to report such abuse or neglect is a Class B misdemeanor.

If you are an employee in a child care facility, K.S.A. 2009 Supp 38-2224 prohibits your employer from terminating your employment as a child care staff person because you reported suspected child abuse or neglect or sexual abuse.

K.S.A. 2009 Supp 38-2223 grants you immunity from court or criminal liability if you report "without malice."